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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HODGSON

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SUBJECT: MIYAZAWA VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: STATE 278702

1. FOLLOWING SIGNING OF FISHERIES AGREEMENT WITH NEW FONMIN ON CHRISTMAS EVE, HE AND I HAD PRIVATE DISCUSSION. TOGO HAD ADVISED HIM OF YOUR INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON, AND HE URGED I CONVEY TO YOU (1) HOW MUCH HE PERSONALLY APPRCIATES YOUR INVITATION AND (2) THAT HE CONSIDERS IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT A PERSONAL RAPPORT BE DEVELOPED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. MIYAZAWA SAID HE MUST "EXAMINE FURTHER" A PRACTICAL TIMING FOR ACCEPTING THE INVITATION, CITING MULTIPLE VISITS OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES EXPECTED HERE AND NEED TO BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT UPCOMING DIET SESSION. ALSO INFERRED WAS THAT HE HAD TO CONSIDER MIKI DIRECTIVE TO MINISTERS TO REMAIN IN TOKYO TO DEAL WITH PRESSING GOJ PROBLEMS AT THIS TIME. WHEN I ASKED IF WE SHOULD CONCLUDE HE COULD NOT COME TO WASHINGTON PRIOR TO DIET'S NEXT SUMMER ADJOURNMENT HE RESPONDED "NO," THAT HE WAS HOPING TO FIND A WINDOW IN HIS SCHEDULE IN APRIL DURING A TEMPORARY DIET RECESS AT TIME OF LOCAL GOVT ELECTIONS.

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3. MIYAZAWA WOULD APPRECIATE THAT NO PUBLICITY
BE GIVEN YOUR INVITATION NOW. GOJ WILL NOT DISCLOSE IT.
IF YOU ARE ASKED AT ANY TIME IN FUTURE WHY HE HAS NOT
BEEN INVITED YOU CAN HANDLE IN ANY WAY YOU FEEL
APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING COMMENT THAT MIYAZAWA HAS
BEEN GIVEN WORD THAT HE WILL BE WELCOME IN WASHINGTON
ANYTIME HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS.

4. MIYAZAWA ATTITUDE WHOLLY POSITIVE AND FORTHCOMING.
HE SAYS HE EXPECTS AND HOPES YOU AND HE WILL DEVELOP
A "COMFORTABLE" RELATIONSHIP.
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